Governments did not take the responsibility of financing the subsidies involved in low tariff sectors like agriculture, to the State Electricity Boards which must operate as commercial organisations; and

(b) if so, what steps Go-ernment have taken in this regard and what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On' the basis of the recommendations of the Power Ministers' Conference held in 1988,. a Working Group has already been set up to suggest measures to improve the financial performance of State Electricity Boards.

Manufacturing of Tractors

1934. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tractors manufactured in the country so far during the current financial year;

(b) what is the corresponding figures of tractors manufactured during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(c) what is the number of tractors imported in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The production of Agricultural Tractors during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (upto December, 1988 is given below:—

1986-87	- 80,476 Nos.
1987-88	- - 91,427 Nos.
1988-89	- 80,849 Nos.
(upto Dec. , 1988)	

(c; According to Tractor Manufacturers Association's Report on Tractor Industry in India, there has been no import of tractors in the country during the last three years.

Number of Central Public Sector Industries in Uttar Pradesh

1935. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID WAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the Central Public Sector Industries in Uttar Pradesh as on January 31, 1989;

(b) what is the total number of employlees in these industries; and

(c) what is the number of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes and minorities working in these industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There were 16 Central Public Sector Enterprises with their registered office in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.1988 upto which date the information is available.

(b) There were 94475 employees in these Cantral Public Enterprises in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.1988 upto which date the information is available.

(c) As on 1.1.86 upto which date the information is available, there were 15045 and 1540 employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe* respectively. No data of employees belonging to minorities is available.

Action for under weighed gas cylinders

1936. DR. MOHD HASHIM KID WAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUV AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that seals of ga cylinders are broken by the drivers of truck carrying cylinders on way to different cities

(b) if so, how many drivers have been apprehended on this account during the last two years;

(c) what is the number of complaints received by Government about the under weighed gas cylinders during the above period; and

(d) what are the details of action taken by Government to ensure that gas cylinders are not under weighed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) During the past 2 years five such cases have come to notice. In all cases the crew members have been apprehended.

(c) During the period April, 1988 to De-cehiber, 1988, about 121 complaints were received regarding under-weight cylinders;

(d) All LPG-filled cylinders are checked for correct weight and also cross-checked at the bottling plants before despatch to distributors. LPG distributors are also under stria instructions to ensure correct weight of LPG cylinders before making delivery to the customers.

Benefits to the workers in the Oil Refineries

1937. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers working in oil refineries of the country during the last three years;

(b) whether any bonus has been paid to these workers; if so, what is the amount of bonus paid so far during this period and number of days for which it has been paid; and

(c) what are the details of other benefits enjoyed by die workers under welfare prog-ramme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of workers (non-supervisory personnel) in the Refinery sector of the country during the last three years in given below:

Year	No. of workmen
1986	18803
1987	19161
1988	19307

(b) With the exception of Bongaigaon Refineries & Petrochemicals Ltd., which paid bonus of Rs. 18.2S lakhs @ 8.33% for the accounting year 1987-88 no oil refinery in the country has paid bonus to its workers during the last three years.

(c) The benefits include (i) canteen facility, (ii)' medical benefits, (iii) LTC' (iv) House building advance and (v) Provident fund, etc.

Payment of Commission in ONGC Pipeline Deal

1938. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM Ar^D NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have written to M/s. Sumitomo Corporation of Japan to explain reasons for payment of commission to Indians in the ONGC pipeline deal;

(b) whether the request has also been made with regard to Tanker Deal by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL); and

(c) if so, what are the results of the enquiries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Necessary enquiries were